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| PETITION FOR EX | TENSION OF TIME | UNDER 37 | CFR 1 | .136(a) |
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Docket Number (Optional) 5237-000003

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|  | In re Application of Blackburn, et al.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Application Number 09/895,008 Filed June 28, 2001  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | For Advanced Aerobic Thermophilic Methods and Systems for Treating Organic Materials   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Group Art Unit Examiner 1724 Fred G. Prince  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 1  | response in the above identified application.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | ☑ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$110.00   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shows   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55.00 .  A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.                            |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | application to a Deposit Account.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ı  | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required,  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 08-0750   |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.  I am the   applicant/inventor.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ı  | attorney or agent of record.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ĺ  | attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | October 14, 2003   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Date   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Bryan K. Wheelock  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Typed or printed name  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NO   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple |  |  |  |  |  |
| M  | *Total of 1 forms are submitted.   |  |  |  |  |  |

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